

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-60 are all the claims pending in the application. Applicants have added new claim 21.

Applicants note that in the Advisory Action, the Examiner states that the second authentication can be mapped to the scenario where the user logged into the virtual disk server to retrieve the previously downloaded content object, wherein the authentication with the virtual disk server) uses the biometric feature. Applicants respectfully submit that this scenario argues against the current claims.

For example, claim 1 recites “performing a second comparison between third information associated with said second biometric feature obtained by the measurement and said first information.” Applicants note that the first information is associated with the first biometric feature and the third information is associated with the second biometric feature. As such, the biometric feature obtained by the authentication at the delivery of contents is again used in the authentication at the reproduction of the contents. In this manner, in the present invention, transfer of registration information to the device that conducted the authentication at the delivery of content is avoided in the second instance. Under the Examiner’s scenario, a comparison for the reproduction is again made with the virtual disk server. Accordingly, the claims are allowable at least for this feature.

Claim 61 has been added which further recites an exemplary embodiment of the present invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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